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Date: February 14, 2011 Public Hearing

Re: Testimony *In Support* of proposed House Bill 6122, *An Act Authorizing Newly-Licensed Drivers To Carry Siblings As Passengers.*

Thank you for offering House Bill 6122 a public hearing. I wish to commend the Transportation Committee leadership and membership for the crafting of stringent, new teen driving laws in the 2008 session that have already resulted in reducing teen driving fatalities.

The purpose behind House Bill 6122 is in response to constituent concerns that opportunities for driving experiences with parents are missed as our law currently restricts the newly licensed driver from transporting siblings. This proposal seeks to initiate conversation with the committee on the idea of including siblings as passengers of the newly licensed driver. Families will often travel together, but under our current law, new teen drivers cannot take advantage of these additional driving experiences because siblings are present in the car. With the intent of providing additional driving practice and experience, I ask the committee's consideration of this proposal.

Thank you for offering your attention to this matter.